

BASEBALL WORLD IN A GUESSING CONTEST

Awaits Outcome of Cincinnati Peace Meeting.

EYES ON GARRY HERMANN

National Managers Not In Harmony.
American League Seems to Hold
Thirteen Trump Cards.

All hands, fans, players, and managers are taking part in the guessing contest which is now going on as to the outcome of the peace conference of the rival ball leagues in Cincinnati on January 5. Just what will be done no one, even those posted, is able to say.

One thing is certain, that unless some of the magnates come down off their high horse there'll be trouble, with a big "T." Any fan knows that all is far from harmony in the ranks of the National League. The older men in that organization have not yet brought themselves to believe that the surrender to the younger association was the best thing to do.

Just whether Hart, Garry Hermann, and others, can bring the hickies into line remains to be seen. The American holds the upper hand, and according to Ban Johnson, will argue for its pound of flesh.

They seem to have thirteen trump cards in this fight and will likely begin to play them from the first. Out of it all might come a 12-league organization, and that favored by the American League. Certain it is that Hermann and the new Cincinnati promoters will not be dictated to. They could easily take their club into Ban Johnson's organization, while other cities might be made up from teams headed by managers of the Hart crowd in the National League.

A grand old man of baseball is Charles L. Zimmer, the veteran Pittsburgh catcher, who is best known to the fans of the country as "Chief." The many rumors about him that he was going to forsake the game has brought out an interview in which he said he would not drop out until failing health, poor eyesight, or injury placed him in such condition that would compel him to give up.

The "chief" is one of the most loyal men to his employers in the baseball business. He is also the oldest professional in the two big leagues. His age is forty-three. He has been playing ball for twenty years and previous to that practiced chasing grass cutters about a diamond in a cow pasture at Marietta. That was his birthplace.

Frank Stuart, a crack infielder of the big league several years ago, has been signed by Joe Castillon to cover third for the San Francisco team. Frank, they say, is as good as ever and has improved in his batting.

The Gotham papers are having a merry war as to which member of the Giants is to train Columbia University's baseball team next season. John McGraw was first tipped off to do the work. Then it was thrown at Bowerman, then another paper said Mathewson would certainly be the man and now several point to Roger Bresnahan as the only one the university has had in view.

With but few exceptions the majority of the old men of the game today hail from New England. The latest to round out another twelve month is Jack Doyle, who will soon have served sixteen years on the diamond. Jack broke into the business at Lowell, Mass., in 1887. After roaming all over the country he drifted back to New Haven, who after all can get more work out of him than any other manager.

One of the strangest things in this day of contradictions is the way those interested in seeing that the peace is preserved as well as meddling in their neighbors' affairs hound the followers of pugilism whenever a championship match is on the tapis.

Novices at the game, boys unfamiliar with the B C of the fistie art, can get in the ring and cut one another to tatters yet the "goodies-goodies" look on as if it were so much child play. But let McGovern or Corbett trained to the hour, and scientific, try to settle their little dispute in a 20-round affair, and the cry that goes up is enough to drown the noise of Baldwin's locomotive works. It's the one sport where the public have a chance to see the best and won't stand for it.

"When compared to football, results tell a different story. They place brutality where it belongs," said a well-known follower of the game, who paid Washington a flying visit yesterday. "Yet no one hears a complaint from those whose aim is to preserve public safety. Isn't a football game worse than a fight?"

"Just view the game for the past season—ge finds that fully a dozen promising young men, had their lives crushed out, and all to insure victory for their colleagues. Fully a hundred or more were seriously injured, some crippled for life. Still the game goes on without interference. Yet the men who stand by and applaud open fights on the gridiron are the ones who throw up their hands in horror when they see clever, scientific lads like McGovern and Corbett to battle.

"It's prejudice, nothing but prejudice, that time alone can wipe out. There should be fair play in everything, and fair play in this."

There is one ball player just now who has his hands full capping off his longest line-up for next year's pennant race in the National League. That he is Joe Kelly, manager of the

TWO FISTIC CHAMPIONS DETHRONED IN PAST YEAR

James J. Jeffries Still the King.

Despite legislation and the endless howl of the goody-goodies the boxing game for the year just ending has prospered. Some pugilists have fared better than others, but the champions with the one exception of Young Corbett have made money.

The Denver lad does not seem to have caught popular favor and has been floundering about in the hope of getting on with some good man. His efforts to have the bout with McGovern brought off have proven fruitless and his theatrical engagements barren of results.

Two boxing champions were dethroned. First and foremost was Frank Erne, the Buffalo lightweight, who lowered his colors to Baltimore's negro boxer, Joe Gans. The contest booked for twenty rounds was fought at Fort Erie, Gans putting his opponent to sleep in a hurry. Since then Erne has met defeat at the hands of Jimmy Britt, of California, while the new champion has gone on howling them over without any effort. He now seems to be in a class all by himself. Good judges regard him as the peer of Jack McAuliffe when that popular boxer was in his prime.

The negro heavyweight title which has always been more or less in dispute, passed into the hands of "Denver" Ed Martin, by his defeat of Frank Childs, the big Chicago boxer.

In all other divisions the old ones hold their titles. Jeffries' right no one questions. George Gardiner by his victory over "Kid" Carter proved himself to honor as king of the lightweights. Tommy Ryan is still in charge of the middleweight division. As long as Joe Walcott is in condition he need have no fear of the other welterweights. They are outclassed. Young Peter Jackson may some day fall heir to the coveted prize.

The champions in their different classes are as follows:
Heavyweight.....James J. Jeffries, California.
Heavyweight (negro)....."Denver" Ed Martin, Colorado.
Light heavyweight.....George Gardiner, Massachusetts.
Middleweight.....Tommy Ryan, New York.
Welterweight.....Joe Walcott, Massachusetts.
Lightweight.....Joe Gans, Maryland.
Featherweight.....Young Corbett, Colorado.
Bantamweight.....Harry Forbes, Colorado.

In the year pugilistic encounters were held in Massachusetts, Connecticut, California, Oregon, Kentucky, Illinois, Ohio, Iowa, Missouri, Pennsylvania, Michigan, New Jersey, Maryland, Georgia, South Carolina, Indiana, Nebraska, Washington, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Montana and Canada.

Opposition was manifested in some of these States, but only to champions or the heavyweights.

THE NEWS OF GEORGETOWN.

"The King's Daughter," an operetta by Brother Martin J. Whelan, Sacristan of Trinity Church, Georgetown, was presented last night at Trinity Chapel, by the members of the Sunday school. The affair proved successful, and the efforts of the participants were greatly appreciated by the large audience.

Among those in the cast were: May Clark, Maude McKinley, Jessie Sumner, Mabel Kane, Mary Killen, Lizzie McKenna, Mary Lydane, Josephine Kolar, Mary Moran, Kate McHenry, Clara Kelsch, Lillian Sullivan, Kathleen Curtin, Helen Simpson, Ruth White, Ida Lydane, Mary Ahern, Eileen Keady, Margaret Stohman, Rachel Drury, Elmer Rhode, Helen Dyer, Annie Butterhoff, Louise McKinley, Sadie Killen, Laura Kane, Estelle Lyons, Josephine Spelman, Agnes Delaney, Maria Connor, Della Dorsey, Florence Talbot, Edith Brant, Maggie Keady, Katie Kane, Lillie May, Virgie Connor, May Ellis, Pearl Ehrmantraut, Ellen Hayes, Annie Schaffer, Alberta Potter, Rose Paul, Blanche Wise, Gertrude Reed, Mamie Murtagh, Mary Donahue, Gertrude Conlon, Helen Potter, Anna Cleary, Katherine Moran, Louis Murtagh.

The entertainment will be given again this evening at 8 o'clock.

The semi-annual election of officers of Reno Council, No. 46, J. O. U. A. M., was held Monday evening and resulted as follows: Councillor, P. M. Riley; vice councillor, William A. Collins; recording secretary, Howard C. Riley; financial secretary, Forrest D. Yowell; treasurer, William Shoemaker; Edward N. Riley; inside sentinel, Clarence Burrows; outside sentinel, William R. Darsey; chaplain, William B. Ireland; assistant recording secretary, Samuel B. Fawcett; representative to national council, Alexander J. Yowell; chairman delinquent committee, W. E. Ingalls; organist, W. M. Robey; assistant organist, W. B. Ireland; trustees, Dr. A. M. Ray, J. L. Giles, and J. P. C. George W. Neale. The officers will be installed at the next regular meeting of the council.

The Rev. Father James Dorson, formerly of Georgetown University, now of Woodstock Jesuit College, will preach at the 11 o'clock mass tomorrow at Holy Trinity Church, Thirty-sixth and O streets northwest, the occasion being a holy day of obligation.

The Knickerbocker football team of Georgetown will play the Rock Creek Star organization tomorrow afternoon on the Georgetown University campus. The game will be called at 2:30 o'clock. The teams are evenly matched and a closely contested game is expected. The proceeds will be turned into the building fund of Trinity Church.

Reds. There are those who believe Joe knows his little book, and that when the Cincinnati team takes the field next year it will be the strongest in many years.

The former Oriole with a wealth of material to select from has only to pick out his best. Those who will not be fortunate enough to get a berth with the regulars would add strength to any club in the country.

The great puzzle for Joe to tackle is how to place his outfield. He has Seymour, Crawford, Donlin, and himself to select from. Unless he decides to cover first bag some one of the others will have to warm the bench. All rank among the stars of the profession, and it will be a task-up which one to use. Seymour is popular with the fans, as is also Donlin, while Crawford is an old member of the Reds.

It seems more than likely, however, that Kelly will go to the initial corner displacing Beckley. This will leave Pottsworn with perhaps the fastest outfield in the country.

Three of this outfit come from the Hanlon and McGraw school, and they know the game. They are booked to shake up many old dry bones before the flag falls on the finish.

"WING" QUIT A WINNER.

One of the freaks of the prize ring is Young Peter Jackson, the welterweight boxer under the wing of Al Herford, really one of the three wise men of the boxing game in this country.

This same Jackson is a tough fistic proposition, and as black as the "seven hings." Charcoal, his friends say, would make a white mark on him.

Now Jackson's strong forte is putting the ambitious boxer wise to the fact that he is the real thing, and that plenty of easy money lies before him. Part of Peter's days were spent on the Pacific Coast, where now and then he won a bribe and managed a boxer. Among the many good and bad things handled by this ebony hued marvel, was a young Chinaman, covered with medals by his fellow Celestials for his ability to make good with the "Melican manee," whenever he donned the mitts.

"Wing Lee" was the name he answered too. He was a featherweight, and in Chinatown a George Dixon.

One fine evening "Wing" was down to meet a wee bit of a Celt in a ten-round bout. All the short-haired gent, and a liberal sprinkling of Chinatown's sports were present at the ringside. "Wing" looked good when he doffed his

gown of purest China silk, and stood stripped for the fray.

Time was called and Chinaman and Gael were soon at it. They bout was scheduled for ten rounds. For six of them "Wing" went against an awful grueling, only to be told by Jackson at the end of each round that it looked like finding money. Although he was being whipped to shreds Peter's comment acted like a charm on the Chinaman, and he would go back to P again with the black words ringing in his ears: "You're a winner, Wing. You're a winner." This would happen at the end of each round.

Finally came the seventh. "Wing," having stood up under a hard beating, staggered to his corner, only to be patted on the back once more by his manager and told that he was a sure winner. He could hardly see his opponent.

"You're a winner all over," continued Peter, who hoped to induce his charge to renew the fight. "You think so?" said the Chin. "Sure," said Peter. "Well, I quitte a winner," replied the Celestial, and no amount of coaxing could induce the Americanized yellow-skinned to re-enter the ring and finish the bout.

Young Peter, lured by gold, later brought the Mongolian as far East as Denver, for a set-to with a young negro of his own weight. The bout, scheduled to go twenty rounds, ended in the ninth. "Wing" had proven a mark for the negro, who jabbed and hooked to his heart's content. Five times the Chin took the count in the ninth, when a well-directed blow back of the ear put him down again.

The referee, taking it that all was over, began to toll off the fatal "ten." At "eight" the Chin rolled over on his back, and looking up into the face of the referee, blurted out in broken English, "Gee on, oldee man. Countee century, me layee here jus the samee."

And nothing "Wing's" seconds might do could get him off his back until the referee had counted his out.

DR. PARKER ON TOBACCO.
The late Dr. Parker regarding smoking: "I hate smoking. From one end to the other it is a nuisance. It ends in cancer, apoplexy, bad temper, bankruptcy, and a host of other evils. It is the devil, it is the pastime of perdition. No dog smokes. No bird pines for tobacco. No horse is a member of a pipe club. No intelligent person ever puts a cigar in his mouth. The whole idea and practice of smoking must be condemned as atheistical, agnostical, and infinitely detestable." Mr. Spurgeon's "I smoke to the glory of God" forms an interesting contrast to Dr. Parker's diatribe. Westminster Gazette.

JOCKEY HENRY TO ASK FOR REHEARING

Likely to Withdraw Suit
Against French Club.

WESTERN RACEMEN AT ODDS

James McLaughlin Has Thirty-Two
Thoroughbreds at Morris Park.
E. J. Arnold a Big Winner.

Friends of Milton Henry say that the jockey will, on his return to France, withdraw his suit against the French Jockey Club and trust to obtain a rehearing of his case from the newly constructed board of stewards. Since the stir made by the international episode, such action as that taken last September will not be repeated without a full and fair hearing of the case by a body re-enforced from the ranks of turfmen of prominence.

H. B. Duryea, owner of Aceful, the American candidate for the English Derby, when in England last fall saw King Edward VII's colt Maude race. He was so impressed with the youngster's quality that he said: "I don't think there is much use of bringing Aceful over here." "Skeets" Martin, who will ride for W. C. Whitney next year, overheard Mr. Duryea's remark, and he replied: "If you think Maude is a good colt what must Rockland be, who is in the same stable? Rockland can give the King's colt ten pounds and a beating."

The meeting at Los Angeles will not open until January 31. It is promoted by J. W. Brooks, who is at loggerheads with the New California Jockey Club, which has assumed absolute control of the sport on the Coast. Brooks says that his Los Angeles track will be backed up by the Western Jockey Club, but Secretary Kuhl, of the latter body, says that its jurisdiction does not extend west of the Rocky Mountains. Meanwhile President Williams, of the New California Jockey Club, declares that any track operating on the Coast without a license will be outlawed.

James McLaughlin has under his care at Morris Park thirty-two thoroughbreds, not one of whom has coughed or showed the slightest ailment thus far. In the lot is a colt called Royal Summons, by Kantaka, out of Himyara. While the property of the Pepper Stable he was ill nearly all the season, notwithstanding which the track experts declared that he was phenomenally fast. He was purchased at the sale of the Pepper horses during the Aqueduct meeting, but not until after a "killing" had been made on him, when he was backed from 15 to 1 down to 4 to 1.

E. J. Arnold, the Western plunger, is said to have won the biggest combination bet on record at Hot Springs. On Monday he wagered \$1,000 on Potente straight; Potente, straight (both at New Orleans), and Pat Oran, a place, at San Francisco. The combination was successful and Arnold, having secured 25 to 1, had a ticket calling for \$25,000. To date Arnold is said to have taken \$50,000 out of the Hot Springs poolrooms.

It is not generally known that William Lakeland owns a half interest in Commando, but such is the fact. Lakeland owned Emma C., the dam, as a yearling, but subsequently sold a half interest in her to James R. Keene. When Commando showed his high quality, Mr. Keene purchased Lakeland's interest in the colt. As Commando's stud fee—he is mated to Mr. Keene's mares only—is very high, Lakeland's revenue from the horse each season is large.

Jockey T. Walsh, who formerly rode for L. V. Bell, is said to have received an offer to ride in France next season. Walsh has lately found it a difficult matter to make weight and has recently severed relations with W. H. Fizer. He will ride Free Lance at New Orleans for the balance of the season.

J. H. McCormick, trainer for L. V. Bell, is inclined to ridicule the proposition, revived again, to match McCormick against Hermis. McCormick says that Hermis can give weight and a beating to the crack Western colt.

Dr. Rice, who won the Brooklyn Handicap of 1894, when owned by Fred Foster, will be taken to Germany by Foster and placed in the stud of Baron von Bleichroeder, of Cologne.

**OREGON REACHES PORT
AFTER STORMY PASSAGE**
One Man Killed, Deck Gear Swept
Away, and All Boats Were Lost
in Rough Trip.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 31.—Oriental advices just received say that the United States battleship Oregon arrived at Yokohama December 13, three days overdue, after a very rough passage from San Francisco.

All her boats were lost, and the stormy seas which swept her decks carried away all the deck gear and resulted in the death of one man. She was ordered into dock.

INVENTOR OF EAU DE COLOGNE.
How many of those who use eau de cologne, from Cologne, daily, are aware of the fact that it was invented by an Italian and not by a son of the fatherland which gives it its name? Almost 200 years ago an Italian priest, Giovanni Maria Farina, whose name is seen on every authentic bottle, eked out his modest fortune by selling perfumery, little art objects, and so on, at Domoedossola. In 1702, happening to be in Cologne and making use of some of the finest vegetable productions of the country, he discovered the secret of the miraculous perfume, which has never been revealed to this day except to his descendants.—Pall Mall Gazette.

COLUMBIA STUDENTS AHEAD IN CHESS TOURNEY

Yale in Second Place—Meet New York
Experts This Evening.

The second round of the intercollegiate chess tournament between Columbia, Harvard, Yale, and Princeton was fought yesterday, and after nearly seven hours' fighting one game remained unfinished for adjudication by the referees this evening.

At the end of the day Columbia still led with a total of 5½ to 1½, one adjourned game; Yale has 5 to 3; Harvard 2 to 5, and Princeton 2½ to 5½. Harvard also having one adjourned game, that between Sewall, of Columbia, and Rice, of Harvard.

In the final round today, Columbia meets Yale, and as they are the high scores, it will be the crucial battle. Yale won the trophy last year, and fully expected to win again this year.

The pairings, openings, and results of the round were as follows:
Board 1—Elice, Harvard, vs. Sewall, Columbia; Queen's gambit declined. Adjourned for adjudication.
Board 2—Keeler, Columbia, vs. Bridgman, Harvard; Queen's gambit declined. Drawn after sixty-five moves.

Board 3—Clark, Harvard, vs. Tucker, Columbia; Ruy Lopez opening. Won by Columbia in twenty-three moves.

Board 4—Barshall, Columbia, vs. Carr, Harvard; Queen's Pawn opening. Won by Columbia in thirty-seven moves.

Board 5—Richardson, Princeton, vs. Sawin, Yale; French defence. Won by Princeton in thirty-eight moves.

Board 6—Adams, Yale, vs. Hankinson, Princeton; Scotch gambit. Won by Yale in thirty moves.

Board 7—Bissell, Princeton, vs. E. Hull, Yale; Philidor defence. Won by Yale in thirty-two moves.

Board 8—N. Hull, Yale, vs. Pilgram, Princeton; Ponziani opening. Drawn after fifty-one moves.

In the final round today the pairings are Sewall, Columbia, vs. Sawin, Yale; Keeler, Columbia, vs. Adams, Yale; Tucker, Columbia, vs. E. Hull, Yale; N. Hull, Yale, vs. Barshall, Columbia; Rice, Harvard, vs. Richardson, Princeton; Hankinson, Princeton, vs. Bridgman, Harvard, vs. Bissell, Princeton; Pilgram, Princeton, vs. Carr, Harvard.

CITY BREVITIES.

John Mills, a colored youth, accidentally shot himself in the face last night while handling a revolver which he did not know was loaded. At the Emergency Hospital the bullet, which had lodged in his cheek, was removed, and he was sent home.

The Board of Education, at its weekly meeting last night, decided to allow the distribution to the parents of pupils in the local public schools of pamphlets issued by the Health Office advising them how to prevent the spread of consumption.

Catherine M. Roach, by her will, dated March 4 last, leaves her estate in equal parts to her sisters, Mary R. Roach and Sarah B. Roach, who are named as executrices of the will.

The Acting Inspector of Buildings has forwarded to the District Commissioners the proposal of Arthur Cowell to erect a fence in lieu of a cement wall and coping in the rear of the yards of the Armstrong Manual Training School. He has recommended that the proposal be accepted.

Funeral services over the remains of Mrs. Mary H. Addison took place from her late residence, 3023 P Street northwest, yesterday afternoon. The body will be taken to Baltimore, where interment will be made at Loudoun Park Cemetery today.

A Christmas entertainment was given last night by the Sunday school of Grace P. E. Church. A three-act comedy entitled "Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus and Their Family of Eighteen Children" was the feature of the evening.

On the recommendation of Richard A. O'Brien, acting Inspector of Plumbing, the District Commissioners have directed that a plumbers' license, good until May 1, be issued to James F. Anderson, of 304 B Street southeast.

The Sunday school of the Union M. E. Church held a Christmas festival last night. Stereoscopic views illustrating the birth and life of Christ, and views of the Methodist missions in the Philippines and Porto Rico were shown.

Christmas was celebrated last night by the Eckington German and English Kindergarten. An interesting entertainment was given, of which one of the attractions was a large tree loaded with gifts made by the children for their parents.

The following conversation is reported as having taken place over a telephone yesterday between a local coal dealer and an anxious resident:

A. R.—Hello, hello; is this Smith's coal office?

Coal Dealer—Yes; what do you want?

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The United States Treasury will start the New Year with more gold in its vaults than this or any government has ever held at any time before. There is now in the Treasury building in Washington and in various subtreasuries throughout the country \$615,319,367 in gold.

These holdings are four times as much as the present holdings of the Bank of England, one and one-half times as much as is held by the Bank of France, four times as much as the Imperial German Bank holds, and nearly twice as much as the Imperial Bank of Russia possesses.

The stock of gold in the United States December 1 was \$1,230,673,772, showing a monthly average increase since the close of June of \$7,615,636. Since January 1, 1898, there has been an annual average gain of \$107,783,639 in gold.

This stock and this increase are beyond comparison with any records elsewhere. Only five countries other than our own have in their stock of money so much as \$300,000,000 in gold. The average annual gain of the United States in the last four years in gold is \$36,508,629 more than that of the United Kingdom, France, Germany, Austria-Hungary, and Russia combined. Taking all the countries of Europe together, great and small, their net average annual increase for these four years is \$95,425,000, which is \$12,358,639 less than that of the United States.

In discussing this tremendous inflow of gold into this country before the American Association for the Advancement of Science this afternoon United States Treasurer Ellis H. Roberts spoke of the effect of this plethora of the precious metal on our currency, on prices and wages, and on our world relations.

Cautious financiers, he said, express alarm at the tremendous inflation which has taken place in recent years, and which is still going on. The total circulation per capita in this country is \$29.52, and the share of gold in it is 41.54 per cent. In no other land are checks and the like instruments of credit used so much as here, and it is to be remembered that the currency serves for only 10 or at most 15 per cent of the volume of transportation. With that standard Mr.

Roberts measured the enormous inflation now in process in the United States.

The expansion of business, excessive in not a few branches, is a natural result. Out of it in large part grew the dangerous exploitation of gigantic industrial corporations. An inflation of currency breeds inflation of credits, arouses to activity promoters and speculators. The check which was recently applied made plain the danger. The extensive liquidation, the nervousness over the congestion of new stock in the hands of organizers, the dread of unknown evils, are not healthful conditions. They expose the wild schemes, dubious companies, excessive capitalization, the frenzy which is not business.

Yet whatever perils may befall, whatever crash and ruin may come in the early future, they cannot involve the currency. They may reduce credits, clip margins from stocks, paralyze enterprise for a time. Even if corporations shrivel and banks totter, all our money will remain fortified in gold, sure and steadfast.

With other things equal large additions to the currency carry up the prices of commodities. Notable advances have taken place in the prices of articles of necessity during the past five years, as much as 25 or 30 per cent. The burden falls heavily at once on persons who find salaries and limited incomes, who can do no offset.

Real estate, excepting in favored forms of choice locations in cities, has not improved in earning capacity as a rule. There are thus large classes of our people to whom this inflation is an evil without palliation. Efforts for better wages in these conditions are natural.

It is conceivable, Mr. Roberts said, that our wages and prices of commodities may be carried so high as to build a barrier seriously to check exports. That peril confronts us, but the danger line is some distance ahead. If American skill and energy can keep ahead of this rise we can hold and tighten our grip on foreign markets, but too great an inflation of our currency even by gold will negative this.

So, he concluded, the inflow of gold is not without its hazards, but the American people are sane enough to make gold not only the symbol of prosperity, but its stout defense.

EAST BOSTON TUNNEL WALL COLLAPSES

Four Men Injured in First
Serious Accident.

BOSTON, Dec. 31.—The first serious accident to mar the progress of excavation of the East Boston tunnel occurred yesterday when the incoming tide washed out the tunnel near State Street. In the wholesale collapse of a portion of the walls four men were injured seriously.

Coincident with the flooding of the tunnel the brick wall beneath the foundations of the big business block extending from 89 State Street to the corner of Atlantic Avenue began to give way. The buildings settled perceptibly.

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